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TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING PARTS **OF PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Attn: BOX MISSING PARTS

Sir:

This is in reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on October 26, 2001 in the above-identified application. Transmitted herewith are the missing parts needed to complete the filing of the subject patent application.

Enclosed are:

- [X] English Translation of the Specification, Claims, and Abstract (29 pages) with Translator's Statement (1 page)
- Formal Drawings (7 sheets, Figures 1-7)
- Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English. translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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TRANSLATION

I, Kenji Kobayashi, residing at 2-46-10 Goko-Nishi, Matsudo-shi, Chibaken, Japan, state:

that I know well both the Japanese and English languages;

that I translated, from Japanese into English, the specification, claims, abstract and drawings as filed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/955,188, filed September 19, 2001; and

that the attached English translation is a true and accurate translation to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: November 13, 2001

Kenji Kobayashi